## SOUTHEAST CASS WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING REASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS

The Southeast Cass Water Resource District (the "District"), or its predecessor, previously created, established, made assessments for, and constructed Cass County Drains 3, 9, and 10 (collectively, the "Drains") in Cass County, North Dakota. To pay the costs of constructing and maintaining each of the respective Drains, the District created assessment districts in accordance with North Dakota law. The costs of constructing each of the Drains have long been paid, and the District has administered separate maintenance assessment districts for purposes of generating operation and maintenance revenue from benefited properties for each of the Drains. Recently, the District determined that, in light of the common topography and watershed characteristics shared by each of the Drains, and the common outlet shared by the Drains, the District could more effectively and efficiently own, operate, manage, maintain, and control the Drains as a single and joint drainage system, and that consolidation of the Drains into a single drainage system would benefit the watershed area. With that in mind, the District consolidated Drains 3, 9, and 10, and consolidated their respective maintenance assessment districts, into a single consolidated drainage system, and a single corresponding maintenance assessment district, now known as CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT.

The District recently reviewed the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT watershed area and discovered that the benefits of each of the individual Drains have changed for some properties within the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT maintenance assessment district. Further, the District found some properties not currently within the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT benefit from the Drains within the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT. The District assesses annual maintenance levies based on benefits of each of the Drains to each property within the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT watershed. The District periodically re-evaluates benefits to ensure property owners pay their fair share of operation and maintenance costs. The District's recent review of the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT watershed area revealed that a reassessment of benefits is necessary, fair, and equitable to more accurately reflect benefits of CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT to properties within the CASS COUNTY DRAIN SC-1 DISTRICT watershed. In the course of this reassessment, the District will revise current maintenance levies according to current benefits. This reassessment is only for the costs of ongoing maintenance of the Drains within the SC-1 District, assessed through an annual maintenance levy.

In accordance with North Dakota law, the Southeast Cass Water Resource District will commence reassessment proceedings and hold a hearing to reassess and reapportion the expenses of maintaining the Drains within the Cass County Drain SC-1 District. Please take notice that the District will meet on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cass County Highway Department, 1201 Main Avenue West, West Fargo, North Dakota, to hold a public hearing on the reassessment of benefits for the Cass County Drain SC-1 District. You may appear at this hearing and you may offer your comments or objections regarding the reassessment of benefits to the District. Following the hearing, the District will consider any input provided, and will ultimately modify, correct, or confirm the maintenance levies.

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